

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A
BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD
MATHEWS COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS access to reliable high-speed affordable universal broadband across Mathews County is imperative for Mathews residents, students, emergency services, businesses, non-profit organizations and visitors; and

WHEREAS the Mathews County Board of Supervisors is committed to actively engage in a broadband initiative; and

WHEREAS the Mathews County Board of Supervisors wishes to appoint a local Broadband Advisory Board, pursuant to Article 10.1 of the Board of Supervisor's Bylaws, to aid in the pursuit of the County's broadband initiative; and

WHEREAS the Broadband Advisory Board will be comprised of stakeholders with background, knowledge, and interest in broadband issues as they relate to Mathews County, as listed in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS the Broadband Advisory Board will serve in support of the Board of Supervisors and County Staff and to obtain reliable high-speed affordable access to universal broadband in the county for all Mathews County residents, students, emergency services, businesses, non-profit organizations and visitors by Dec 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS the scope of work for the Broadband Advisory Board is to include:

- Engagement with subject matter experts, consultants, and state and federal agency representatives, consultants, vendors, and providers to determine capacity, accessibility and affordability of broadband across Mathews
- Conduct surveys to aide in the data development
- Create a Request for Information (RIF) that will generate vendor and consultant interest, ideas and partnerships
- Create an inventory of assets and a map that fully and accurately portrays existing service and identifies the unserved and under-served areas of the County
- Assist in the development of a broadband plan that addresses the public safety need for redundancy for the Sheriff's Department and First Responders, medical applications including telemedicine, education, especially access for students, businesses/job development, and tourism with a strong focus on unserved and underserved areas and neighborhoods.


Assess feasibility of infrastructure to support a regional public safety radio system
in addition to broadband


- Review of existing broadband studies, data, and reports, including the 2017 Broadband Study
- Assist in the development of a feasible network design that may be comprised of multiple infrastructure solutions, and/or funding mechanisms (grants, investment, loans, partnerships, etc)
- Serve as review committee for procurement of consultants, vendors, and providers
- Hold quarterly information session with the community inviting stakeholders that are key to the success of this effort.
- Provide recommendations for appropriate supporting legislation, ordinances, or policies or other County actions necessary to carry out said plan
- Present recommendations and schedule to the Board of Supervisors and report progress monthly
- Provide a schedule of meetings to the Board of Supervisors

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to appoint the Mathews Broadband Advisory Board, and to reappoint said Board annually at the Organizational Meeting for the duration of the Broadband Initiative.

Adopted : 6/25/19
Date

By: Mathews County Board of Supervisors


Chairman

Attest: 
County Administrator

ATTACHMENT A

The Broadband Advisory Board shall be comprised with representation from:

- a. Business
- b. Education
- c. Technology
- d. Medical
- e. Emergency Services
- f. Economic Development
- g. Tourism
- h. Young professionals
- i. County Staff